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English 5000
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Texts

De Troyes, *Arthurian Romances*
Hanning and Ferrante, *The Lais of Marie de France*
Malory, *Works*
Shepherd, *Middle English Romances*
Stone, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
Treharne, *Old and Middle English: An Anthology*

Course Requirements

Report	15%
Short paper	15%
Presentation	20%
Final Paper	20%
Final Exam	20%
Participation	10%

Goals of the Course

In this investigation of the most popular genre of the Middle Ages, we will attempt to come to some definition of the romance itself. Is it a distinct genre? Is it more accurately portrayed as a mode? Can it be defined by subject matter or by style and structure alone? In the pursuit of a definition, the seminar will come to an understanding of the culture and the audience, vital components of the romance culture. Finally, in studying the forms and patterns of these works, the seminar will be actively engaged with the central elements of all literature.

Absences and Attendance

At the graduate level, unexcused absences are rather rare. In this seminar, absences on the dates of reports and presentations are unforgivable unless a documented emergency or illness arises. Because papers will be assigned with ample lead time, late papers will not be allowed, unless, of course, there is a documented illness or emergency.

Participation

A successful seminar relies upon the **active** participation of its members. My job is essentially to provide guidance, mentoring, mediation, and background, where needed. Thus, the participation grade is one which must be earned. Everyone begins this component with a zero and builds a grade through meaningful, insightful comments and questions.

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Course Syllabus
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Aug.	26	Introduction to the course
Sep.	2	Chretien's <i>Yvain</i>
	9	Chretien's <i>Cliges</i>
	16	Marie's <i>lais</i> : "Guigemar," "Equitan," "Milun"
	23	<i>Havelock</i> (<i>Middle English Romances</i>)
	30	<i>King Horn</i> (<i>Old and Middle English</i> , 495 ff.)
Oct.	7	<i>Orfeo, Launfal</i> (<i>Middle English Romances</i>)
	14	<i>The Awntyrs off Arthur, The Weddyng of Syr Gawen</i> (<i>Middle English Romances</i>)
	21	<i>Athelstan</i> (<i>Old and Middle English</i>)
	28	<i>Gawain and the Green Knight</i>
Nov.	4	Malory's <i>Sir Tristrem</i> (229-353)
	11	Malory's <i>Sir Tristrem</i> (353-511)
	18	Malory's <i>Tale of the Sankgreal</i>
	25	Thanksgiving Break--No classes
Dec.	2	Malory's <i>Launcelot and Guinevere</i>
	9	Malory's <i>Morte Arthur</i>